



Civic Society News

May 2025



Next Speakers Meeting
Thursday 15th May
In the Memorial Hall 7.30pm

Non-Members welcome £3 admission

Tales of a Yorkshire Tour Guide



We are delighted to welcome Tim Barber, owner of Real Yorkshire Tours and a Yorkshire driver guide. Tim will talk about how he made the journey from marketing to tourist guiding. He will also share tales of his experiences guiding predominantly overseas guests across the region over the years, bringing his experiences to life with photographs from around the region.

Dear Members



Our meeting this month on Thursday 15th will begin with the AGM, your documents are at the end of this newsletter. Following the AGM we will be welcoming our Speaker, Tim Barber. Tim owns the company Real Yorkshire Tours, and he is also a Yorkshire driver guide. Tim will talk about how he made the journey from marketing to tourist guiding. He will share tales of his experiences over the years guiding, predominantly overseas guests, across the region and bringing his experiences to life with photographs from around the area.

A quick reminder that the Spring Village Newsletter has now been delivered to every household. It looks like this. Please contact secretary@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk if you haven't received your copy.



I have just received the Yorkshire and Humberside Association of Civic Societies (YHACS) Spring newsletter. If you would like to see what other societies in the area are doing [just click here](https://www.addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk/YHACSNewsletterSpring2025.pdf), or google <https://www.addinghamcivicsociety.org.uk/YHACSNewsletterSpring2025.pdf>. There is a wide range of articles, from the pros and cons of devolution in the East Riding, the blue plaques of Scarborough to design awards in Pontefract and much more.



The first half of May has turned out to be an extremely busy time with lots of dates for your diary, in particular our Heritage Group will be exhibiting at the Yorkshire Heritage Summit in Skipton, all the information is in the newsletter so do read on. But let's begin with a thank you for your support at our Spring Fair. With Best wishes. Gill

Our Spring Fair



Thank you all for your support with our Spring Fair on the 5th April. We made just over an amazing £900 which will be spent on some of our village projects during the year.

We were particularly pleased to invite Catherine Smith, Manager of the Co-op. Catherine kindly agreed to draw the raffle and this gave us an opportunity to thank her, the staff and the Co-op management for the efforts they have made to ensure village residents could continue to access all the essentials during the rebuild, very much appreciated by one and all.

Raffle Winners Spring Fair '25

- Co-op Fizz & Wine selection** - Sylvia Kenny
- Craven Heifer voucher** - Janet Harrison
- Bottle of Baileys & Grandma Wild biscuits** - Patricia Newball (visitor)
- Adam's Secateurs** - Elaine Godber
- The Fleece voucher** - Doug McCowan
- The Social Club Rose wine & Grandma Wild biscuits** - Carol Miles
- Ginger Plum voucher** - Christine Falshaw visitor
- Hamper** - Pam Proudfoot
- Andrew Green MOT voucher** - John Farnell
- The Lord Addingham Mulled wine & Grandma Wild biscuits** - Marie Wardle (visitor)
- Plant** - Vicki Harris
- Gin & Grandma Wild biscuits** - Mary Brightman

We are very grateful to all the businesses that provided our raffle prizes – **THANK YOU**



CHRIS COBLEY MA MBA writes:

Addingham men who died during the liberation of Europe II

DENNIS CHARLES MILBURN

Dennis enlisted in May 1940 as a Guardsman in the Coldstream Guards. Dennis had lived with his parents in Church Street, Addingham and worked at the Hamilton Quarry at Bolton Abbey. Both he and his brother, Eddie, and their father were in the choir of St Peter's Church.

Dennis went to France 10 days after D-Day in June 1944, but returned with a poisoned leg. He went back to the front at the end of August, but was killed instantly 8 months later on 18 April 1945 when moving forward through Berge, a small town east of Lingen near the Dutch border. He was acting second-in-command of his platoon and bren-gunner of No 2 Section. He came round a street corner into open ground, but was shot near the heart by a German sniper on the opposite side of the street. He was 24.

Dennis is buried in Grave 12.A.21 in Rheinberg War Cemetery in West Germany north of Duisberg.

JAMES HENRY WOODFIELD

James was born in 1921 and was the only son of his parents who lived with his sister at 23 Low Mill, where he was employed before joining the Horse Guards a year before the war started. He went abroad in October 1940 serving in the Middle East and throughout the Italian campaign, coming home after 4 years in October 1944.

Early the following year James was sent out to the British Liberation Army (later renamed The British Army on the Rhine). James was killed between Fallingbommel and Munster on 30 April 1945, as towns and villages in Germany were defended by the SS and fanatical Hitler Youth, with even members of the German Navy drafted into the army to defend the motherland. The day before James' death the British Second Army had reached Lubeck and Wismar. There were heavy losses on both sides during these last phases of the war. James was 25. A week after his death Victory in Europe was declared.

James is buried in Grave 7.A2-4 in Becklingen War Cemetery in North Germany.

On a happier note, only two days after Dennis' death and 10 days before James was killed, his near neighbour, Sergeant William Henry Hollingworth, at 20 Low Mill was awarded the Military Medal. William aged 32 had been in the army for 7 years serving in the Royal Armoured Corps for the last year in France. Three weeks later two Addingham prisoners of war returned to the village: Charles Allen, who had been a POW since capture in France in June 1940, another worker from Low Mill, and Gunner Readshaw who had been captured in Gazala in Libya in 1942.

Three months later on 24 August 1945 the Craven Herald reported:

"...many scenes of joyful celebration on 15 and 16 August for VE Day. Bonfires were lit and there was a large gathering on the village green for community singing and impromptu dancing. The village was decked with flags and bunting. A special service was held at the parish Church by Rev HD Blakeney Flynn and a thanksgiving service on 19 August."

(With thanks to Richard Thackrah, Beryl Falkingham and Don Barrett's "Addingham in World War Two" published by the Civic Society.)

Community Award to Garden Friends



In April we were delighted to present a cheque for £500 to Fiona Walton, Chair of Garden Friends. This marked the beginning of their project to resurface the Cottage Garden on Main Street.



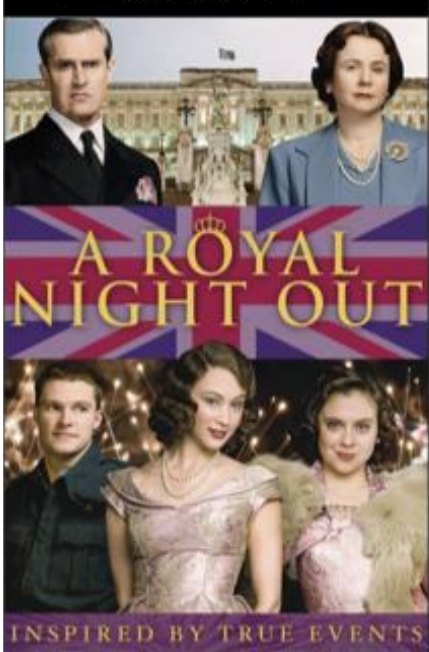
As you can see in the photograph the work had just begun. With help from members of the Allotments and Gardens Association the old, uneven and slippery paving flags were removed, many of which were gratefully taken to new homes for various projects.

The ground is now being prepared for its new surface, more photos will follow in due course.....

Join a guided Village of Culture walk around Addingham's Blue Plaques Trail

Sunday 11th May 2025
Starting from the Memorial Hall Car Park, Addingham at 2.00pm
Free event but numbers limited
Pre-Registration essential to secure places –
Email: addinghamheritagegroup@gmail.com

May 9th Film Club



In a change to our advertised film for 9th May, we have been asked by the Civic Society and the Heritage group to show A Royal Night Out in celebration of 80 years since VE Day. This British comedy drama following the future Queen of England and her sister as they go out on the town to celebrate the end of the Second World War. On VE Day, 8th May 1945, Princess Elizabeth and her younger sister Princess Margaret beg their parents King George VI and Queen Elizabeth to let them leave Buckingham Palace for the night so they can join in the celebrations. The King and Queen give their consent and Elizabeth and Margaret head out incognito but their night takes some unexpected turns...
Doors open at 7pm, film as usual starts at 7.30pm, all seats are £4 BYO refreshments
We hope to show Bridget Jones Mad about the Boy at a later date



Don't forget it's
Addingham Allotments and Gardens Association



Plant Sale and Coffee Morning
in the Mem Hall
on **Saturday 10th May 10am – 12 noon**



Zero Waste Week 4th – 10th May, 2025



During Zero Waste Week we want everyone to think about ways we can minimise waste by **reducing what we buy, repairing and re-using things, re-cycling as much as possible** and especially **eliminating single-use plastic**.

Take a look at our CAA Objectives page for ideas and further information on **reducing waste** by scanning the QR code here



And take part in our village activities

Sunday 4th May: Village Jumble Trail

A chance to sell your unwanted items so they can be re-used, and raise funds for charity.

Register a table by going to the AEG website

(<https://www.addinghamenvironmentgroup.org.uk/>) and following the links or by scanning the QR code opposite

Thursday 8th May: Pop-up Refill shop, 10.30 am, Mt Hermon

Buy locally sourced, eco-friendly washing up liquid, laundry liquid, showergel, liquid soap, soap and shampoo bars.

Drop by for a coffee, and bring your empty bottles to refill

Saturday 10th : Village litter-pick and spring clean, 10 am Scout Pavilion

This is our annual spring clean working together in teams with our Scouts and Cubs to litter pick on our village green spaces. We end up at the Hub with refreshments courtesy of the Parish Council. All equipment provided. We ask everyone in the village to pick litter on the street either side of their front doors. Contact aeg@addingham.info if you want a litter picker.

And keep it going all year!



BBC's Antiques Roadshow is coming to Bradford!

After seeing our [Lost Mills Learning Zone](#), the team at Antiques Roadshow got in touch looking for participants for their next series! Here is what the BBC said:

"Do you have A TREASURED POSSESSION, FAMILY HEIRLOOM, INHERITED ITEM OR UNUSUAL COLLECTION?"

Antiques Roadshow is coming to **Bradford in June** and our **TEAM ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR ITEMS TO FEATURE.**

It doesn't necessarily need to be something of high value - **IF IT'S OF LOCAL, CULTURAL, SOCIAL, HISTORICAL OR PERSONAL SIGNIFICANCE** with an interesting story behind it, **WE'D LOVE TO HEAR ABOUT IT.**

WE COULD BE INVITING YOU ON THE SHOW TO CHAT WITH US and find out more about your item with an expert.

We are particularly interested in applicants from underrepresented communities.

[Submit an Item!](#)

To apply for tickets, venue information, and to view our privacy policy and show security procedures, click the link below.

Entry is free but you will need to be registered to be able to obtain a ticket."

[Apply for Tickets](#)



**THIS YEAR,
ALL ROADS LEAD
TO SKIPTON.**

*The Yorkshire Heritage Summit
is coming to town!*



**4 EVENTS IN 1...
THERE'S SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE**

1. EXHIBITION. Town Hall. More than 30 organisations covering every aspect of Yorkshire's history and heritage...FREE to enter 10.00-16.00.



2. SYMPOSIUM. Town Hall. Hear expert speakers on 'A Sense of Place'. 13.00-15.00. £7.50pp*.

3. GUIDED WALKS. Learn about interesting parts of Skipton on foot. Details and tickets from Skipton Civic Society.



4. ENTERTAINMENT.

Enjoy a lively open-mic night at the Black Horse Pub. 19.00-22.00. £5pp*.

*plus booking fee



Wanted - singers over 60 to get involved in our next project.

509 Arts will be back at the Loading Bay this autumn with a big new show commissioned by Bradford 2025. It's still very much under wraps, but we can tell you it's about the experience and wonder of ageing, with storytelling, music, projections and a community chorus of people aged over 60.

Building on the award winning success of Calderland and the Batley Variations, the new show will be composed by Richard Taylor (two UK Theatre Awards, two RPS Awards and a WhatsOnStage Best Musical Award); with Mike Kenny (Olivier for the Railway Children) and Em Whitfield Brooks (Chorus Director, Ryedale Festival Community Opera, Freedom Chorus and much more).

We are recruiting for the Chorus now! Could you be one of our singers? Come along to one of our informal audition workshops on:

Saturday 3rd May 10:30-12:30pm

Thursday 8th May 1:30-3:30pm

They will take place at Kala Sangam's temporary home in the centre of Bradford at Bank House, 41 Bank St, Bradford BD1 1RD. If you are interested, please come along to one of the sessions and find out more about the show. There will be singing! And biscuits!

There will then be a launch meeting for everyone involved in the show on **Saturday 24th May (1:30pm - 3:30pm)**. After that there will be **early evening** rehearsals every **Thursday** from **Thursday 29th May** and **continuing through June and July**. There will be a break from rehearsals in August and we will start again in September.

All workshops and rehearsals will take place at **Kala Sangam** - Bank House, 41 Bank St, Bradford BD1 1RD.

There will be up to 10 performances of the show at the Loading Bay from **Friday 3rd October - Sunday 12th October**.

If you are interested (or know someone who might be) please send your name, email address and/or contact number to info@509arts.co.uk or by text to **07973 483055** and come along to the initial meetings on either 3rd May or 8th May.

Or you can fill in the online registration form here:

[Chorus Registration](#)

**Thank you to all our Speakers, Members, Volunteers
and Subscribers to the Newsletter.**

Please send entries for the June Newsletter to

secretary@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk before Sunday 25th May.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM)

As previously notified the Annual General Meeting of the Addingham Civic Society will be held on **Thursday the 15th of May 2024** at 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Main Street, Addingham. Based on previous years we anticipate that the AGM will take approximately 20 mins.

Our Speaker, Tim Barber will start his presentation, "Tales of a Yorkshire Tour Guide" after the AGM.

If you cannot attend this meeting you will still be able to exercise your vote and raise any questions, please see below.

Papers for the AGM are included with this Newsletter and consist of:

- The AGM Agenda
- The Minutes of the May 2024 AGM.
- The Society's End of Year Accounts. Just to clarify our Financial year end is the 31st March and our Membership year end is the 31st of August.
- Your Chairman's report
- And finally your Voting Slip (only if you cannot attend this AGM)

Items of Any Other Business to be notified to the Chair at least 7 days before the meeting.

Your Voting slip is in 3 parts:

1. **Minutes and year end accounts.** Indicate if you agree these documents. If not please tell give your reason. Sign where shown.
2. **Nominations.**
 - Under the Society's Constitution Officers and Trustees are elected for a 3 year term. Two trustees' terms of office come to an end this year.
Gary Copping
Jayne Hood
 - No further nominations were received by the closing date of Friday the 25th of April.
 - If you wish to ask any questions regarding this Voting Slip before signing it please contact the Chairman at chairman@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk or 01943 839792 or Mobile 07762 824800.
3. **Questions.** A blank section for anything you might want to raise at the AGM.

Just to confirm, you only need to complete and return the Voting Slip, if you are unable to attend this AGM.

As we've said our talk "Tales of a Yorkshire Tour Guide" by Tim Barber will follow immediately after the AGM.



ADDINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY
Annual General Meeting
Thursday 15th of May 2025@ 7.30pm
Venue: Addingham Memorial Hall



AGENDA

1. Chairman's Welcome and Apologies
2. To approve the minutes of the AGM held on the 16th of May 2024
3. To receive a report from the Trustees: Gill Battarbee
4. To receive verified Accounts and Treasurer's Report: Seamus Bloomer
5. To receive nominations for the Officers of the Society and make the appointments.
6. To receive nominations for the Trustees of the Society and make the appointments.
7. Any other business



Addingham Civic Society

DRAFT Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Thursday 16th May 2024 at 7.30pm

Addingham Memorial Hall



1. Chairman's welcome and Apologies.

Present: Trustees – Gill Battarbee.(Chair) Malcolm Keeble. Richard Walton. Ian Cameron. Gary Copping. Pat Weatherill. Stephen Noblett. Jane Welby (Minutes). Chris Ensor.

Members: There were a sufficient number of members in attendance for the AGM to be quorate.

Formal apologies: Margaret Keating. Jim and Lynda Robinson. Roger Seddon. Seamus Bloomer. Chris Acomb. Alan Davies. Jonathan White. Ronnie Allison. Jan and Richard Hindle.

2. To approve the Minutes of the AGM held on the 18th May 2023 and any matters arising.

No Matters arising.

No questions

Minutes proposed by Malcolm Keeble, Seconded by Richard Allison. All those members present were in favour.

3. To receive a report from the Chairman – Gill Battarbee

The Chairman's report was distributed via the May Newsletter and Gill summarised the key points.

- I. The number of members now stands at 397 and Gill thanked Margaret for her excellent work in her role as membership secretary.
- II. The ACS agenda was full over the last year and the same is planned for this year. However, whilst hesitant to take on more, Gill reassured the members that any suggestions for events/activities would receive full consideration.
- III. Gill advised that the society has approximately 100 volunteers and thanked them for their time and energy.
- IV. The ACS has links to several other village organisations including Climate Action Addingham alongside the Parish Council, and several other local organisations are joining them.
- V. 2025 – the ACS is a partner in the Addingham contributions to the Bradford City of Culture.
- VI. The ACS has four themes which are – Planning, Heritage, Environment, and Community.
 - a. Planning – Gill thanked Malcolm for his work in leading this group and Richard for stepping in as and when required. The group receive a significant number of local planning applications throughout the year on which to comment and advise in the interests of the members. Most significantly, the recent planning appeal to re-open Horn Cragg Quarry required an incredible amount of work in preparing and presenting arguments by Malcolm and Rick and was successful resulting in the application being rejected.
 - b. Heritage – Gill offered a huge thank you to Don Barrett who has led the group for many years but has now handed over the chair to Ian Cameron, who continues to move the work of the group forward. Last weekend, the Heritage Group had a stand at the annual Yorkshire Heritage Summit.
 - c. Environment Group – Many thanks to Rick and the steering committee and the many volunteers who contribute to the success of this group.

- d. Community ACS – Gill thanked the Trustees for their contribution throughout the year and thanked the two Trustees who have stepped down this year after several years of service. Mike Williams has relinquished the role of Treasurer and handed this over as a shared role between Seamus Bloomer (Cash Treasurer) and Mike Enever (Spreadsheets). Steve Lloyd has now handed his responsibility for publications to Christine Ensor.

No questions were forthcoming, and members showed their appreciation with a round of applause. Gill concluded by thanking the members for their continued support.

4. Finance Report – Gill Battarbee

A copy of the end of year accounts was sent out with the May newsletter but Gill highlighted several issues for clarification.

- I. Gill advised the members that as the society's income is less than £25,000, auditing of the accounts is not a requirement. However, as good practice, each year the end of year accounts is reviewed and verified by Ian Drysdale and Gill thanked him for his time and effort in this respect.
 - a. The year started with a current account balance of over £8,008.99, but has ended the year with a significantly lower balance of £2,351.41.

Gill explained the reasons for this decrease in the end of year balance. The Environment Group was awaiting a significant grant which was not received in time for the year end accounting. It has since started to arrive in instalments and the account now holds over £5,000. Gill reminded members that any such grants are ring-fenced for use only for the purposes for which they were awarded. Also, the Environment group in the previous year had received significant donations from work undertaken, which had boosted the income of the society.
 - b. Income – The Environment Group income in the 2022 – 2023 year was boosted by a number of large grants. Donations to the Society were also significantly higher in the 2022 – 2023 financial year due to a number of large donations made to the Environment Group.
 - c. Expenditure – Gill highlighted the high printing costs in 2022- 2023. She advised members that this was due to a significant donation being made towards the printing for the Jubilee event and the printing for the Environment weekend. The Society expenditure almost doubled in the 2023 – 2024 year due to the purchase of a Society notice board and a contribution towards the Village Coronation committee.

Acceptance of the accounts was proposed by Diana Keeble and seconded by Malcolm Secret. All in favour

5. Nominations

Hon Treasurer Mike Williams resigned as treasurer.

Seamus Bloomer and Christine Ensor were co-opted to the Trustees in February 2024 with a view to nomination at the 2024 AGM.

Seamus Bloomer was nominated as trustee and Treasurer. No other nominations were received.

Christine Ensor was nominated as a Trustee. No other nominations were received.

Both nominees were proposed as Trustees and accepted unanimously.

6. AOB

Don Barrett and members thanked Gill for her hard work with the ACS, Heritage and Environment groups. Gill thanked the Trustees and Members and closed the meeting at 19.55.

ADDINGHAM CIVIC SOCIETY
Financial Report for the year ended 31st March 2025

2024	Opening Balances	
	Current Account Virgin Money	£2,222.28
	Deposit Account Skipton Building Society	£7,998.59
	Petty Cash	£482.24
		£10,703.11
	Income	
£3,445.44	Subscriptions	£4,253.00
£1,924.19	Spring/Autumn Fairs	£2,041.60
£786.00	Seasonal Parties	£685.00
£275.29	Annual Trip	£737.62
£929.59	Speaker Meetings	£722.18
£374.71	Book Sales	£330.83
£239.00	Card Sales	£586.30
£845.60	Gift Aid	£0.00
£389.25	Donations	£15.00
£332.50	Society Income	£1,227.34
£588.24	ACS Events	£0.00
£1,618.89	Environment Group	£7,592.05
£30.00	Heritage Group	£36.46
£0.00	Bradford City of Culture	£5,000.00
£208.24	Skipton BS Interest	£265.98
£11,968.94	TOTAL INCOME	£23,493.36
	Expenditure	
£302.32	Insurance	£339.19
£1,124.40	Room Hire	£805.00
£260.00	Speaker Meetings	£440.00
£503.99	Books	£0.00
£2,378.78	Printing	£2,342.65
£150.00	Donations	£50.00
£0.00	Subscription Expenses	£192.03
£0.00	Bank Fees	£45.33
£500.00	Community Awards	£1,000.00
£84.00	IT & Website	£109.00
£278.00	Annual Trip	£726.35
£4,792.15	Society Expenditure	£2,065.91
£6,547.38	Environment Group	£3,581.99
£626.39	Heritage Group	£0.00
£0.00	Bradford City of Culture	£0.00
£17,547.41	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	£11,697.45
	Closing Balances	
	Current Account Virgin Money	£2,792.21
	Deposit Account Skipton Building Society	£19,264.57
	Petty Cash	£442.24
		£22,499.02

Notes

I have examined the financial books and records of Addingham Civic Society and certify that these accounts are in accordance with them.

John P. Dyer
21/4/25

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21/4/25

ACS Chairman's Annual Report May 2025

The Society has had another busy, but very enjoyable year, here is a summary

Society regular activities completed this year

- Thanks to trustee Jayne Hood, our Speaker Finder, for ten excellent and varied speaker meetings.
- Jayne also arranged our Summer Trip to Halifax, Dean Clough and Shibden Hall, rounded off with the first of our two very enjoyable Social Meals at the Fleece.
- Thanks to member Kathy Gilbert for overseeing our Summer and Christmas Parties.
- Kathy also managed the Spring and Autumn Fairs, which together raised a fantastic total of almost £2,000.
- As well as all her secretarial duties Jane Welby produced all the monthly newsletters, updated the New Members Booklet and led our three-year policy review.
- Thanks to the Cricket Club for hosting the autumn New Members' Social.
- And thanks to trustee Gary Copping for keeping our websites up to date.

Membership

As you will have heard me say before we are an unusually large Civic Society, of which we are very proud. We ended the year with 382 members and since then we have welcomed a few more, so we are heading back towards the 400 mark. Huge thanks to Membership Secretary Margaret Keating. With almost 400 members to keep up to date with it is no mean feat and I know takes much time and precision.

Community

Collaboration The Society supported as many local events as possible, for example, the Gala, the Christmas Market and the Church Fete. We were delighted to hold our second end of year social speaker meeting jointly with Addingham Allotments and Gardens Association. We also supported the Primary School Enrichment Programme by providing speakers and activities on eighteen occasions.

Village Newsletter We worked alongside the Parish Council to produce the biannual Village newsletter.

Bradford City of Culture The Society has acted as the liaison for a number of groups planning City of Culture events. We were pleased to have received a grant for use by any Addingham Group or individual to support a City of Culture event. Our society theme is Walks and our Heritage and Environment Groups have spent time designing two new walks which will take place in May and June 2025.

Community Awards In 2024/25 our Community Award fund supported Addingham Garden Friends with money towards their renewal of village planters the resurfacing of Cottage Garden on Main Street .

Civic Pride Awards Two awards were presented, one to Mark Preston on his retirement from the Post Office and one to Abbi and Andrea Parker for their action managing the Main Street traffic following an accident on the by-pass.

Making our voice heard A number of our events were quoted in the press and representatives from our trustees also met with MP Robbie Moore to discuss a range of local issues.

Planning

Meetings with Bradford MDC Planners We can now report that representatives of our Planning Team meet quarterly with other local Civic Society Planning Groups and senior members the Bradford Planning Department and are able to raise local issues and receive up to date information covering local, regional and national developments.

Planning Applications Our Planning Group has dealt within the region of 28 planning applications and have supported green energy measures such as roof solar and air source heat pumps on Listed Buildings, where appropriate. They have also considered a planning application involving a Village Green Space and made recommendations for the treatment of farm effluent in order to reduce pollution in the becks. They are continuing to monitor issues involving parking on public roads.

Projects We were less successful with a couple of projects. Time was spent drafting a consultation response to the proposed closure of the Ilkley tip and we supported an application made by the Parish Council to designate the "old school site" an asset of community value. Both these proposals were ruled against.

However, the enormous amount of work that the team put into the Horn Crag Quarry Inquiry early in 2024 had a positive outcome and in June 2024 the Inspector ruled against the re-opening of the quarry. Our thanks to all the Planning Team.

Heritage

The Heritage Group is chaired by trustee Ian Cameron. The 13 strong group meets monthly and have developed an awe inspiring work programme which contributes enormously to the promotion and safe keeping of the village heritage.

Photo Archive 1,683 donated 35mm slide scans have been digitised and are being catalogued on the Photo Archive. The Photo Archive website was enhanced with a “Streets of Addingham” page.

The trustees have committed to the renewal of the 10 year management contract for the Photo Archive, due at the beginning of 2030, with funds being set aside annually.

Publications and Research Articles are submitted monthly to the Society Newsletter and biannually to the Village Newsletter. Two new heritage publications are in progress and should be available in the next year.

Projects These are some key heritage projects undertaken this year.

- Heritage information board unveiled at Low Mill.
- 80th Anniversary D-Day exhibition at the Hub.
- New Heritage Walk for Bradford City of Culture
- Launched Covid 19 project
- Launched project to collect and collate images of all the Addingham listed structures.

Promotion and Publicity During the last year the group has:

- Presented exhibitions at the Village Gala, our Fairs, a Speaker Meeting and at the Yorkshire Society Heritage Summit in Hull.
- Relaunched the use of our Instagram account

Process and Partnership Progress reports are provided monthly for the trustees. The group liaised with the Second World War Experience Centre in Otley, Keighley Plastic Model Club, Ilkley Library, the Primary School the Parish Council and were pleased to put forward a member as a volunteer at Farfield Meeting House.

Environment

The work of the Environment Group during 2024 – 2025 has focussed on:

- **Themed Weeks** Working with the Parish Council the group organised four themed weeks, Zero Carbon, Zero Waste, Water and Wildlife and a the annual Village Review Meeting.
- **Volunteers** met most Saturday mornings working on a wide range of village projects led by Jan Hindle.
- **Water Quality** Work monitoring the quality of water in the Denton Hall beck and lakes
- **Tree planting** for residents on the Moorside
- **Craven Crescent Green** Finalising the green space development at Craven Crescent Green with residents and InCommunities
- **Presentations** Gave a number of presentations for local communities and in the village, led walks and hosted Friends of the Dales AGM
- **Saplings** The Children’s group met eleven times during the year. They explored the Addingham countryside, learned about animal skulls and river dipping with expert visitors and enjoyed a trip to Malham Curlew Day led by Friends of the Dales.

Thanks must go to our great team of trustees who manage the Society and to the many volunteers who make things happen – THANK YOU.

Trustee Gary Copping has come to the end of his term of office and has decided to step down. Gary has not only managed our various websites but has been instrumental in updating and refreshing them. Although he is stepping down as a trustee we are delighted that we will continue to benefit from his expertise as he is happy to carry on managing the websites and will also be a welcome addition to our Planning Group. Many thanks Gary and enjoy your travels.

Finally thank you to all our members for your continued support.

Gill Battarbee

**Addingham Civic Society
AGM 15th May 2025**

Voting Slip

To vote please indicate with a X in the appropriate square
Only current members of the Society may vote

Please PRINT Name/s here:

Address:

DO YOU ACCEPT THE DOCUMENTS PRESENTED BELOW?				
	Member 1		Member 2	
	YES	No Please give reason	YES	NO Please give reason
1. Acceptance as a true record of the Minutes of the AGM held on the 16 th May 2024 AGM.				
2. End of Year Accounts 2025				
Signature				

If you would like to raise any QUESTIONS at the AGM please write them here.

Please return this form at least 7 days before the meeting to:
The Chairman, Addingham Civic Society, 9 Main St, Addingham LS29 0PD (01943 839792)
Or scan and send to: chairman@addinghamcivicsociety.co.uk